

### *Recognized for Support of English as Official Language*

**Washington, D.C.** – U.S. Rep. Vern Buchanan (FL-13) was recognized recently for his efforts to promote English as a unifying language in the United States. U.S. English, Inc. honored Buchanan with an "A in English" award based on his support for legislation to make English the official language of the United States.

"I am pleased to present this award to Rep. Buchanan for his efforts to unite our diverse nation under the common language of English," said Mauro E. Mujica, Chairman of the Board of U.S. English, Inc. At a time when there is renewed interest toward preserving what unites us as a nation, we are grateful to Rep. Buchanan for his dedicated and enthusiastic support of this issue."

"I strongly support making English our official language because it is a common language helps us live and work together," said Buchanan. "Learning English will open doors for legal immigrants working to build a better life in this country."

"A in English" honors were awarded to members who received "A" grades for their positions on legislation during the 111th Congress, including cosponsorship of the "English Language Unity Act" (H.R. 997), as well as his position on a series of votes on Puerto Rican statehood legislation and preventing the removal of an English language requirement for citizenship.